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SUBJECT ALLEGED PLANS OF THE REBEL ARMED FORCES TO ASSASSINATE THE
NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA

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SOURCE

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1. [] THE
GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PGT), [] HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION
THAT THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR, CUBAN-ORIENTED INSURGENCY MOVEMENT) IS
PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE THE NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. [] COMMENT: THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO
GUATEMALA IS NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE COUNTRY UNTIL LATE

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[] IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INTENDED TARGET IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, WHO IS THE CURRENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.)

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[] CLAIMED THAT SEVERAL GUATEMALAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE COLLABORATING WITH THE FAR. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION IS TO FORCE A MILITARY COUP, THUS PLACING THE ARMY COLLABORATORS IN A BETTER POSITION TO AID THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. []

[] THE FAR ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO RALLY SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO ITS CAUSE, IF THE MILITARY WERE TO OVER-
THROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.) [] COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE HAS
REPORTED THAT THE FAR HAD THE COLLABORATION OF SOME HIGH-LEVEL ARMY OFFICERS.)

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COMMENT:

SOURCE [] REPORTED FAR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JULIO CESAR MENDEZ-MONTIENEGRO OR ALBERTO MENDEZ MARTINEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PR, GOVERNMENT PARTY). FAR OBJECTIVES IN THE [] REPORT WERE SIMILAR TO THE OBJECTIVES LISTED IN PARA 2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROJECTED PLANS TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT OR THE PR LEADER WERE NOT TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.)

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COMMENT: ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR

EMBASSY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THOSE FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OF CHARGE WHICH

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WERE ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR MEIN, REMAIN
IN EFFECT. MEASURES WILL BE MAINTAINED CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND EXPOSURE
HELD TO MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH NORMAL ACTIVITIES.)

6. ☐ ☐ DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, AIR, CINCSO, CINCLANT. ☐

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